

The VALOR Program

The VALOR (Veterans Affairs Learning Opportunities Residency) Program is an honors program for select nursing students who have completed the junior year of a baccalaureate nursing program. VALOR provides a structured clinical experience with a BSN-prepared preceptor and educational course work in a classroom setting.

The program starts with a ten-week (full-time) concentrated experience during the summer and an optional part-time experience during the senior year.

Program Goals

- Learn the role of the professional nurse within a healthcare system using evidencebased practice for best patient outcomes
- Understand the culture and special needs of the Veteran population
- Develop confidence, critical thinking, and proficiency of nursing skills

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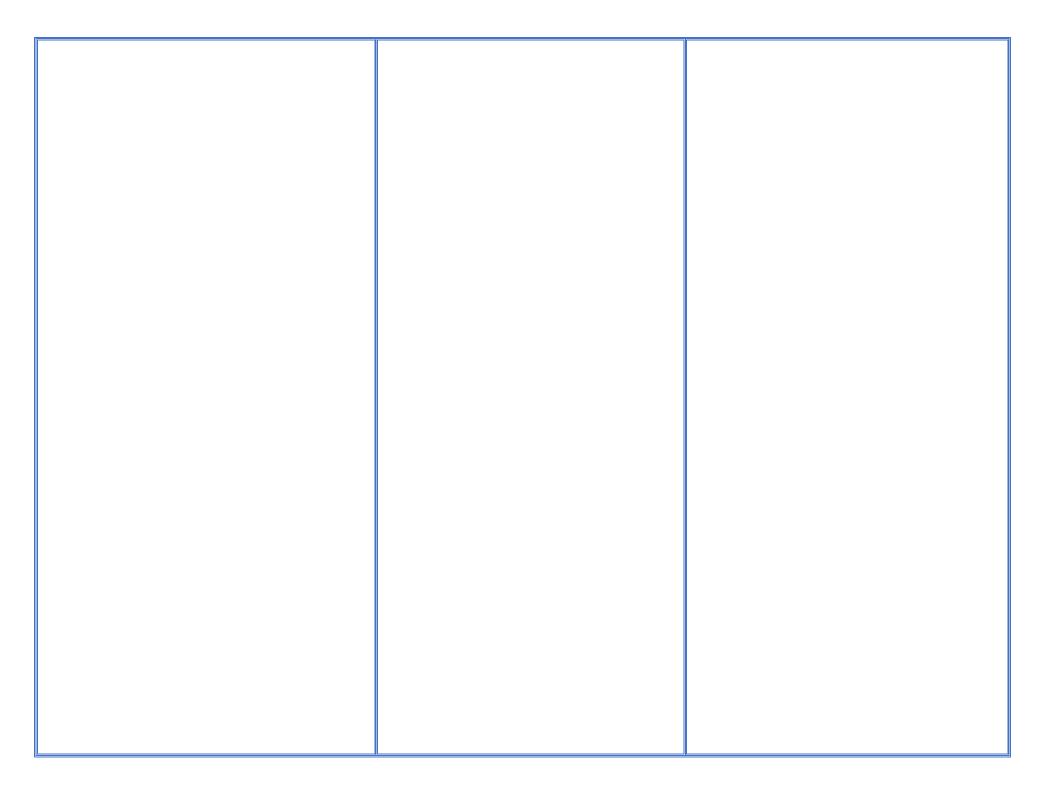


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VETERANS AFFAIRS LEARNING OPORTUITY RESIDENCY (VALOR)

The VALOR **nurse externship** provides hands-on opportunities for outstanding nursing students to develop competencies in the clinical setting with an experienced BSN-prepared preceptor. VALOR Externs shadow their preceptor to learn the role of the professional nurse, while performing skills learned in nursing school. Planned didactic days offer additional learning experiences.

VALOR Program Eligibility Eligible students will:

- Be currently enrolled in an accredited BSN program
- Have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, with no grade lower than a B in any nursing course
- Have completed the final semester/quarter of junior year prior to the program start date.
- Have had at least one clinical experience in a medical center or hospital.
- Be a U.S. Citizen.
- Provide documentation of immunization status and current Health Care Provider BLS training
- Submit all application materials by the deadline
- Not have a service obligation to any Federal, state, or private institution or be a recipient of any Federal scholarship that incurs a service obligation
- Be able to work full-time during the summer months and part-time during the academic year.

BENEFITS



- VALOR students are paid as hourly, intermittent employees.
- VALOR students are not eligible for overtime pay, holiday pay, or shift differentials. The rate of pay changes each year.
- VALOR students may express a preference for a unit, but they will be placed according to preceptor availability and unit needs. VALOR students may rotate to other units for observational experiences.
- Students in an accelerated BSN program can apply for the VALOR program if available to work full time from June – August of the program start year.

MISSION

TO FULFILL PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S PROMISE: "TO CARE FOR HIM WHO SHALL HAVE BORNE THE BATTLE, AND FOR HIS WIDOW, AND HIS ORPHAN" BY SERVING AND HONORING THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE AMERICA'S VETERANS.



Application Package

- Cover Letter
- Unofficial transcript from all colleges attended
- Resume/portfolio
- Three letters of recommendation (one from a Junior Clinical Instructor).
- Send completed packet to the Nurse Recruiter